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Dear Ms. DeFillo:

This is in response to your communication received 18 December 2006 requesting, inter alia, the status of U.S. application 10/501,211. A response to the "NOTIFICATION OF FEE DUE" mailed 21 June 2006 is not of record in the application file. Attached is a copy of the "NOTIFICATION OF FEE DUE" for your convenience. A proper response accompanied by a request for extension of time accompanied by the appropriate fee is required to avoid abandonment of this application. See 37 CFR 1.136 and 37 CFR 1.17(a).

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